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1. EMBASSY IS HOPEFUL THAT SOME MEMBERS OF MISSION WILL WANT TO VISIT INDIA AFTER MISSION'S FORMAL TERMINATION IN PAKISTAN. FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUCH MEMBERS, THIS TELEGRAM PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE EMBASSY'S MARKET RESEARCH REPORT ON SHIPBUILDING AND PORT MAINTENANCE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PREPARED IN MAY, 1974 (REF NEW DELHI A-189, 1974). WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF COMMERCE COULD FORWARD COPIES OF THIS MESSAGE TO MISSION MEMBERS PPRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON FOR THE APRIL 11 BRIEFING.

2. HINDUSTAN SHIPYARD LTD. (HSL) MODERNIZATION PLANS (REF PAGE 6 OF THE ENCLOSURE TO NEW DELHI A-189, 1974): THE GOI PUBLIC INVESTMENT BOARD WILL SOON APPROVE THE ""STAGE 1" MODERNIZATION PLANS OF HSL. THE STAGE 1 DEVELOPMENT
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CONSISTS OF THE PLANS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENTS

TO COMPLEMENT THE HSL'S INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

THE STAGE 1 PROJECT CALLS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES:

(A) IMPROVED LIFTING DEVICES FOR OET CRANES: SIX 10-TON
OET CRANES EQUIPPED WITH MULTIPLE MAGNET LIFTING DEVICES
ARE PROPOSED TO BE INSTALLED IN THE HULL AND PREFABRICATION
SHOPS.

(B) NEW PREFABRICATION SHOP: A 40-TON OET CRANE
ON THE LOWER RAIL AT 18 METERS ABOVE FLOOR LEVEL AND ONE
80-TON OET CRANE ON THE UPPER RAIL AT 27 METERS ABOVE FLOOR
LEVEL ARE PROPOSED TO BE INSTALLED IN THE NEW PREFABRICATION
SHOP.

(C) TRANSPORT OF LARGE PREFABRICATED UNITS: A SELF-ELEVATING
TRANSPORTER OF 100-TON CAPACITY WITH A PLATFORM APPROXIMATELY
15 METERS LONG AND FIVE METERS WIDE IS LIKELY TO BE PROCURED
FOR MOVEMENT OF LARGE PREFABRICATED UNITS FROM SHOP TO THE SHIP.

(D) A MODERN STAGING SYSTEM: THE SHIPYARD'S EXISTING
STEEL UPRIGHTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF HULL EXTERNAL STAGING ARE NOW
OBSOLETE AND, THEREFORE, THESE ARE PROPOSED TO BE REPLACED
BY A MODERN TUBULAR STAGING SYSTEM.

3. THE TOTAL COST OF THE HSL'S STAGE 1 MODERNIZATION PROGRAM
WILL BE DOLS4.5 MILLION WITH A FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPONENT
OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS2 MILLION. DETAILS OF HSL'S STAGE II
PLANS ARE NOT KNOWN YET. HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED THAT
IT WILL CONSIST BROADLY OF THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR
BUILDING LARGE VESSELS WITH NUMERICALLY-CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT.

4. HSL'S IMMEDIATE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPBOARD
EQUIPMENT ARE:

(A) PROPELLERS AND SHAFTINGS COMPLETE WITH ACCESSORIES,
AUXILIARIES, SPARES AND TOOLS REQUIRED FOR SIX SHIPS
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(B) TWO CEMENT TANKS AND ACCESSORIES INCLUDING HI-LEVEL
INDICATOR, AIR COMPRESSOR SKID UNIT, DRIP-PROOF SELF-VENTILATED
MOTOR SUITABLE FOR STAR/DELTA STARTING. ACCORDING TO THE
CHIEF CONTROLLER, PURCHASE AND MATERIALS, HSL, A NOTIFICATION
FOR THE PURCHASE OF THIS EQUIPMENT (REQUIRED FOR
OFF-SHORE DRILLING OPERATIONS) WILL BE ISSUED IN THE NEXT
FEW MONTHS.

5. PROPOSED NEW SHIPYARDS (REF PAGE 5 OF THE ENCLOSURE TO NEW DELHI A-189, 1974); PRELIMINARY SITE SELECTION STUDIES FOR THE PROPOSED TWO ADDITIONAL SHIPYARDS HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED TO THE THREE DIFFERENT FOREIGN (NONE ARE AMERICAN) CONSULTANCY FIRMS. UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR REPORTS (EXPECTED TO BE READY BY THE END OF MARCH, 1975) ONE OF THE CONSULTANCY FIRMS WILL BE ASKED TO PREPARE DETAILED PROJECT REPORTS.

6. FERTILIZER BERTH AT THE BOMBAY PORT: INSTALLATION OF A "SKT" CHAIN CONVEYOR SYSTEM FOR UNLOADING GRANULATED CARGO HAS BEEN APPROVED. TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT IS LIKELY TO BE ABOUT DOLS1 MILLION, INCLUDING A FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPONENT OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS660,000.

7. IRON ORE BERTH AT PARADEEP (REF PAGE A-26 OF THE ENCLOSURE TO NEW DELHI A-189, 1974): GOI IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE "SOON" THE INSTALLATION OF TWO WAGON TIPLERS AT A TOTAL COST OF DOLS2.60 MILLION, OF WHICH ABOUT ONE-FOURTH WILL BE IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

8. EXPORT OF PELLETIZED IRON ORE FROM MANGALORE PORT (REF PAGE 7 OF THE ENCLOSURE TO NEW DELHI A-189, 1974): THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR JOINT INDIA-IRAN KUDREMUKH IRON ORE PROJECT (AGREEMENT FOR WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED SHORTLY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES) WILL OFFER SALES PROSPECTS FOR A WIDE RANGE OF SOPHISTICATED MATERIAL-HANDLING EQUIPMENT.

9. COASTAL MOVEMENT OF COAL (REF PAGE 7 OF THE ENCLOSURE TO NEW DELHI A-189, 1974): THIS IS A PRIORITY PROJECT. THE GOI RECENTLY INVITED OFFERS FROM SEVERAL FOREIGN

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CONSULTANCY FIRMS TO CONDUCT A DETAILED PROJECT REPORT TO DETERMINE THE SUITABILITY OF AN INTEGRATED COAL HANDLING AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THROUGH COASTAL SERVICES. THE OFFERS RECEIVED ARE CURRENTLY BEING EVALUATED. THE PROJECT, WHEN IMPLEMENTED, WILL CALL FOR IMPORTATION OF SPECIALIZED SHIPS EQUIPPED WITH UNLOADING AND CONVEYOR DEVICES AND/OR INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL COAL HANDLING FACILITIES AT SELECTED PORTS.

10. NHAVA SHEVA PROJECT (REF PAGE A-21 OF THE ENCLOSURE TO NEW DELHI A-189): THE GOI PLANNING COMMISSION HAS ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE. A DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE PROJECT WILL BE SHORTLY INITIATED. NECESSARY FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS AND THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED AT THE NHAVA SHEVA SATELLITE PORT WILL BE

DETERMINED UPON COMPLETION OF THE STUDY.

11. CABLE CONTAINING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PORT VISITS
AND APPOINTMENTS WILL FOLLOW WHEN WE RECEIVE INDICATION THAT
FIRMS ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING INDIA.SAXBE

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